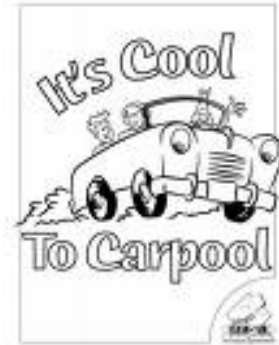


CARPOOLING

Centralia College Carpool

A carpool is a group of two or more people sharing a ride to work or school in a private vehicle. For many, carpooling provides the most flexible alternative to driving alone. It's convenient, cost-effective, easy, and environmentally friendly.



A Step-by-Step guide for starting a carpool.

Step 1: Find people who you can carpool with.

-Take into account days a week, time of day, accessibility.

Step 2: Decide who will drive the vehicle.

-If drivers switch off vehicles.

Step 3: Set a schedule, where and when people are picked up and dropped off.

-Schedule that is convenient for everyone

-Which days are used for carpools

Step 4: Decide how much riders will pay the driver.

-How often the riders pay

-Take into account wear and tear not just gas.

-If drivers take turns using their vehicles generally no money is paid to anyone.

Step 5: Set up some ground rules for riders.

-Smoking, allowed or not

-Eating or drinking, allowed or not

-Radio, on or off, and which stations or type of music/news

-How long should the carpool wait for a late rider.

-Who will sit where in the car

-Riders should not leave items in the driver's vehicle unless previously agreed upon

-Will there be a driving rotation? Weekly/Monthly?

-What happens when people are on vacations?

-Bad weather considerations

-Share contact information with all riders and drivers

-Illness considerations

-Emergency situations

-Riders should not deviate from schedule for personal reasons or errands/ when driver gets gas

-Make sure everyone is buckled up.

*Note: Some insurance companies will reduce your rates if you don't use your car everyday. This could be beneficial to riders who wouldn't be using a vehicle to commute.